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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARI-
HUANA

REF: STATE 57902

1. IT IS ILLEGAL TO SELL, POSSESS, OR USE MARIHUANA IN
MAURITANIA. PENLTY FOR CONVICTION FOR EITHER PERSONAL USE
OR TRAFFICKING RANGES FROM SIX MONTHS TO FIVE YEARS IN JAIL.

2. PERSONNEL OF MAURITANIAN DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
ARE GROSSLY INADEQUATE IN NUMBER AND IN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING.
AS RESULT, ENFORCEMENT OF DRUG LAWS IS VERY SPOTTY. GIRM
ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS SEE DRUGS AS AN INCREASINGLY MORE SERIOUS
PROBLEM AS MAURITANIA EVOLVES FROM TRADITIONAL, HIGHLY-CONSER-
VATIVE SOCIETY INTO MODERN, URBANIZED NATION. THEY SEE NO SIGN-
IFICANT OR RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN LOCAL DRUG SCENE. OFFICIALS EX-
PRESS CONCERN OVER GENERAL TREND TOWARD LENIENCY IN SENTENCES
AND BELIEVE MAURITANIA MUST IMPOSE HARSHER PENALTIES ON THOSE
DRUG ABUSERS WHO ARE CAUGHT AS MEANS OF DISSUADING OTHERS.

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